

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "VASCULAR BYPASS GRAFTING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD", the specification of which is attached hereto and is identified by Attorney's Docket No. AM-2B.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e), of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/229,675, filed 09/01/2000 by William J. Allen et al. for VASCULAR BYPASS GRAFTING SYSTEM.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

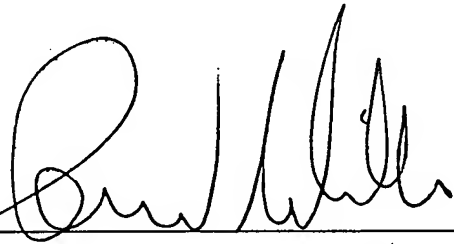
I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby appoint Pandiscio & Pandiscio, a firm composed of Nicholas A. Pandiscio, Registration No. 17293, Mark J. Pandiscio, Registration No. 30883, Scott R. Foster, Registration No. 20570, and James A. Sheridan, Registration No. 43,114 or any of them, of 470 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451-1914, (Telephone No. 781-290-0060), my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with

the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Inventor's signature:



Inventor's full name:

Arnold Miller

Date:

8-31-01

Residence:

27 Intervale Road

Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

Post office address:

same

Citizenship:

USA.

Inventor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor's full name: William J. Allen

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: 30 Cut Spring Road

Stratford, CT 06614

Post office address: same

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

ALS/MILLERAM2BDECLARATION

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "VASCULAR BYPASS GRAFTING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD", the specification of which was filed August 31, 2001, accorded Serial No. 09/944,840 and is \_\_\_\_\_ identified by Attorney's Docket No. AM-2B..

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e), of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/229,675, filed 09/01/2000 by William J. Allen et al. for VASCULAR BYPASS GRAFTING SYSTEM.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

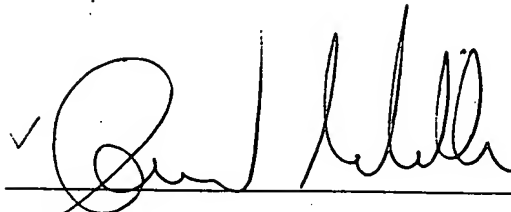
I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby appoint Pandiscio & Pandiscio, a firm composed of Nicholas A. Pandiscio, Registration No. 17293, Mark J. Pandiscio, Registration No. 30883, Scott R. Foster, Registration No. 20570, and James A. Sheridan, Registration No. 43,114 or any of them, of 470 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451-1914, (Telephone No. 781-290-0060), my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the \_\_\_\_\_ Patent Office connected therewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may

jeopardize the validity of the application or any  
patent issued thereon.

Inventor's signature:

✓ 

Inventor's full name:

✓ Arnold Miller

Date:

✓ 12.7.01

Residence:

27 Intervale Road

Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

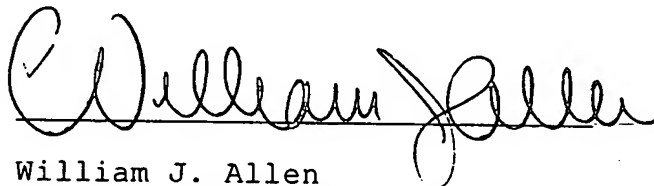
Post office address:

same

Citizenship:

United States of America

Inventor's signature:



Inventor's full name:

William J. Allen

Date:

✓ 1/22/02

Residence:

30 Cut Spring Road

Stratford, CT 06614

Post office address:

same

Citizenship:

United States of America



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/944,840	08/31/2001	Arnold Miller	AM-2B

CONFIRMATION NO. 3619

## FORMALITIES LETTER



\*OC00000006857458\*

Mark J. Pandiscio  
470 Totten Pond Road  
Waltham, MA 02451-1914

Date Mailed: 10/05/2001

## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:  
Stratford
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

Customer Service Center

Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

---